

MoSPIN*

*Missouri Statewide Parent Involvement Network

A family outreach service from Missouri School for the Blind...
...Providing a statewide home-based program for families of children, Birth through 5 years old,
who are visually impaired.
A statewide home-based program for families of preschoolers with visual impairment
or visual and hearing impairment.

Since 1987, Missouri School for the Blind has been providing a statewide home-based program to assist Missouri families with children who are visually impaired. The program is known as the Missouri Statewide Parent Involvement Network (MoSPIN).

MoSPIN provides direct, in-home services to families throughout the state through specially trained “parent advisors.” The program is designed for parents of children who are visually impaired and who may also have other disabilities (developmental delay, hearing impairment, motor impairment, etc.).

Eligibility is based on a visual diagnosis by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

MoSPIN includes the following components:

- Regularly scheduled home visits by parent advisors
- Focus on parents as their child’s first and most important teacher
- Information to help parents understand their child’s visual diagnosis and learning characteristics
- Parent lessons on communication techniques, sensory stimulation and basic developmental skills from the INSITE curriculum
- Ongoing support and provision of resources to families

In addition to home-based services, Missouri School for the Blind Outreach Staff are available to provide technical assistance, resources and support to school personnel, early childhood providers and parents.

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